

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 9 (cancelled)

1           10. (currently amended) An article of jewelry  
2 comprising:

3           two cords each having at least one zone of a  
4 predetermined large diameter;

5           a separable fastener interconnecting corresponding ends  
6 of said cords;

7           a slide member having a central ~~vertical~~ axis of  
8 ~~symmetry~~, a planar support surface at a top of said member  
9 transverse to said axis, a pair of holes converging from said top  
10 surface to a bottom surface on opposite sides of said axis, and a  
11 configuration of three coaxial disks forming a single body and of  
12 successively smaller diameters from top to bottom, each of said  
13 cords passing through a respective one of said holes and said slide  
14 member being shiftable along said cords, the holes being of a  
15 diameter slightly smaller than the predetermined large diameter of  
16 the one zone of each cord for frictional engagement with the cords;  
17 and

18           stop elements at other ends of said cords incapable of  
19 passing through said holes.

11 - 12. (canceled)

1           13. (previously presented) The article of jewelry  
2 defined in claim 10 further comprising a precious ornamental  
3 element supported on said surface.

1           14. (previously presented) The article of jewelry  
2 defined in claim 13 wherein said ornamental element is traversed by  
3 said cords and rests upon said surface.

1           15. (previously presented) The article of jewelry  
2 defined in claim 14 wherein said ornamental or precious element is  
3 a stone.

1           16. (previously presented) The article of jewelry  
2 defined in claim 10 wherein said stop elements are balls with  
3 diameters greater than that of said holes.